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Church News

VIRGINIA.

Roanoke Presbytery: The next stated meeting of Roanoke Presbytery is to convene in the Cascade Presbyterian church, August 28, 1917, at 8 o'clock P. M. All churches in arrears on their Presbyterial assessments will please remit to the treasurer before that time. Unless these assessments are promptly met, funds will be lacking to pay the expenses of members to and from this meeting of Presby-

> J. M. W., Elder, S. C. and Treas.

Piedmont: Rev. Twyman Williams, of Floyd Street church, Lynchburg, Va., has been assisting the pastor in a meeting that lasted nearly two weeks. His sermons were inspiring and moving. There were six professions, five of whom united with the church on the following Sabbath. Mr. Williams greatly endeared himself to all the people, in so short a time. He became indeed one of us. Piedmont has been laboring for seven years under a debt on the manse. It has been reduced to about \$800 at the beginning of the year, and through the hearty co-operation of the people, the remainder of the debt was removed by the first of July. During the last year a nice church has been erected at a most strategic point by the assistance of the Building Fund Committee. Since the erection of the manse at Callaway the membership of the church has about trebled itself, also the salary of pastor has been about doubled. A growing sense of stewardship is affecting the life of the church. Nine of the twelve officers, including the pastor, are endeavoring to practice the tithe. The session tithes to a man. There are four good Sabbath schools in connection with the church, and in all their departments there are over five hundred scholars. A brighter outlook was never before the church, and it is sincerely hoped that in a few years she can become self-supporting. She has lost heavily by deaths and removals during the past few years, yet her membership is now a few over two hundred. Those who are laboring faithfully and earnestly in behalf of the unsaved in this vineyard crave and beg your prayers that Piedmont may not lose her great opportunity, or fail of her responsibility.

Strasburg: The Presbyterian church at this place is uniting with the

churches of other denominations in pastors, Rev. M. B. Turnbull, Mossy union Sunday night services. Rev. J. A. McMurray, of Woodstock preached at this service last Sunday.

Louisa: On July 8th Mr. R. S. Arrowwood, Jr., a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary, was ordained and installed pastor of this church by a commission of West Hanover Presbytery. Rev. J. L. Sherrard presided; Rev. J. C. Painter preached; Rev. Hugh Hudson charged the pastor, and Elder H. S. Hedges delivered the charge to the congregation.

Kirk-O'Cliff: For the first time in many years this church, through the co-operation of West Hanover Presbytery's Committee of Home Missions, has secured a permanent pastor, Rev. R. S. Arrowwood, Jr. He was installed on the second Sunday of July and enters upon his work with the hearty cooperation of all the people.

Amherst: To the delight of the people here Rev. J. A. Thomas has declined a call recently extended him by the Richland and Clifton churches, of Greenbrier Presbytery, W. Va.

The work in this whole section has advanced very rapidly during recent years, owing to the untiring efforts of Mr. Thomas.

Union, Churchville: Rev. William C. White, pastor, Rev. Ernest Davis, assistant: The centennial of this venerable church will be celebrated on July 28, 1917. On February 15, 1817, this church was organized on the present church lot, but before a church building had been erected and in a letter to the minister who was about to be called to the pastorate in connection with Mossy Creek for half his time, Rev. John Hendren, D. D., and Rev. Conrad Speece, D. D., the pastor of the "Augusta"—the old Stone church, and who had organized "Union" by the direction of Lexington Presbytery, we find the following statement:

"Union churck was organized yesterday, Saturday, February 15, 1817, a bitter cold day, the ground covered with snow. The people gathered about a log heap fire on the church lot and I stood on the stump of a newly cut tree and preached the sermon."

The church was organized with 36 members (of whom 19 bore the name of Hogshead) and four elders were then and there elected, ordained and installed.

On July 28th the centennial will be held with the following as a tentative program:

Rev. B. F. Wilson, D. D., will speak on the following subject: Church as an Organization and

Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., will speak on "The Doctrines of the Church as Dynamic in Character."

Rev. William Denham will speak on Church a Community Neces-

Rev. Holmes Rolston, D. D., will speak on "The Country Church of the Past and Present ".

It is expected that all three of the living former pastors, Rev. Isaac N. Campbell, of Grottoes, Va., Rev. J. W. Lafferty, Davidson, N. C., and Rev. J. M. Plowden, of Richmond, Va., will make addresses of reminiscences.

It is also expected that the assistants to the present pastor will be present and bring short addresses, viz.: Rev. William Denham, Bethel church, Rev. A. B. Curry, Jr., of the White Bible school, of New York (Rev. F. L. Tinkham being in China will not be able to be present), Rev. W. W. Sprouse, Staunton, Va., pastor of Olivet and Sears' Hill and the present assistant, who is here for the third summer, Rev. Emmet Davis, of South Carolina.

Creek, Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., Staunton First, Rev. Holmes Rolston, D. D., Hebron (formerly an assistant to Mr. White, Warm Springs, in Bath county), Rev. J. H. Davis, Bethany, Craigsville (who was also assistant to Mr. White at Hot Springs, Va., will bring greetings from their churches to "Union." On account of the lamented death of Rev. J. N. Van Devanter, pastor of the Old Stone Church and the church being without a pastor at present, one of the elders has been asked to bring the greetings of this oldest church in the valley and "grandmother of Union," and Dr. J. S. Blair, of Loch Willow, has been appointed to bring the greetings from this church under the same pastorate.

This will be an all day meeting and it is expected that many of these who have gone out from this community will return for these interesting exercises. It is hoped the people of the neighborhood will make such preparation that they may all be present and make the day a commemoration worthy of the occasion.

APPALACHIA.

Blountville, Tenn.: This congregation has recently enjoyed a series of meetings that were helpful to the members and resulted in the conversion of the unsaved. First, Rev. Ben Harrop, of the Cold Springs church, came and preached for us for five days as a preparation for a series of meetings by our Synodical evangelist, Rev. Frank Hunt. These services were very helpful to the members, and three unconverted made profession of their faith. Then, on 17th of June, Mr. Hunt came and preached for one week in the Blountville church, and a week at Rhea's schoolhouse. He preached and sang the gospel faithfully and effectively, and there were nine professions of faith. As a result of these meetings eight have been received into the Blountville church on profession and one by letter. I regard the spiritual condition more hopeful than during any time of the present pas-

W. T. Howison, Pastor.

ARKANSAS.

Ouachita Presbytery: journed meeting of this Presbytery in Glenwood, Ark., June 21st, Candidate David Shepperson, recent graduate of Union Seminary, was carefully and fully examined, and, having shown himself well grounded in Calvinism, was licensed to preach the gospel. Since the Glenwood church had called him as pastor and were expecting his ordination at this time, he was duly ordained and installed as pastor, with the expectation of his laboring in the other churches of the Glenwood field, with headquarters at Glenwood. Rev. M. M. Lawson presided and propounded the constitutional questions, Rev. E. M. Munroe, D. D., preached the sermon, Rev. C. G. Ferguson charged the pastor, and Rev. John T. Barr charged the people. The Glenwood group is one of the most strategic sections of the mountain work of Ouachita Presbytery, and it is an occasion for rejoicing that a resident pastor has taken charge, the field having been vacant since the removal of Rev. T. A. Spooner last autumn. The Presbytery also referred munication from the Synod's committee on the church at Fayetteville. Ark., the seat of the State university. to the Home Mission Committee for suitable action.

Jas. W. Marshall, S. C.

FLORIDA.

Madison church, Rev. W. S. Pat-It is expected that the neighboring terson, pastor, has recently received

from Mrs. C. P. Kelly, the wife of one of our elders, a beautiful individual communion service. The pastor, with his wife, expects to leave for a vacation Monday, July 16th. The first two weeks will be spent at Montreat.

Lakeland: Although our plans for building a new church have again been postponed by existing conditions (three times this year), yet we are not discouraged, and continue to grow, under the blessing of our great At our mid-summer com-Head. munion season last Sabbath seven new members were added. The pastor, Rev. C. I. Stacy, expects to leave on the 16th for his summer work in Georgia, giving a series of lectures at the summer Bible Conference at Nacoochee, beginning July 24th. July 22nd and 29th he will supply the West End church, Atlanta, and August 5th and 12th he will supply the old historic mother church of the Assembly, the First church of Augusta.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, First Church: At the last communion service at this church, of which Rev. Dr. J. S. Lynons is pastor, three new members were received on profession of faith and eight by letter.

-Westminster church, which recently lost its house of worship in the great fire that burned out so large a part of the city, has bought a very desirable lot at the corner of Ponce de Leon and North Boulevard. A Sunday-school building will be erected at once.

-Pryor Street: On Sunday morning, July 8th, the congregation of this church unanimously adopted a resolution "that we undertake the support of two missionaries already on the foreign field to the amount of \$1,200.00 for the present church year." A committee was elected, consisting of the pastor, Rev. J. Edwin Hemphill, the clerk of the session; Mr. John F. Pickard, the treasurer of the church. Messrs. O. J. Parker and R. O. Barnett and the president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. F. D. Carlisle, and the chairman of the Foreign Mission Department of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. W. E. Terrell, to act in conjunction with the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions in selecting our missionaries.

During the past six months this church has begun mission work in two different points, one of which has recently been organized into a church, has enlarged and refinished the church auditorium, provided a new primary department and nine additional class rooms for the Sunday-school, enlarged and remodeled the kindergarten and provided a kitchen for the ladies. God continues to give us some additions practically every Sabbath. Last week a father and mother united at the mid-week prayer service.

-Capitol View: At a recent meeting of the Atlanta Presbytery a request from some forty-five Presbyterians in Capitol View was presented for the organization of a Presbyterian church in that place. In response to the request a commission, consisting of Rev. J. Edwin Hemphill, Dr. D. H. Ogden, Rev. John Goff and Elder J. F. Pickard, was appointed to organize a church, if the way should be clear. Upon investigation the commission decided that the way was clear, and Sunday, July 8th, was set for the organization. A good congregation was present, both of Presbyterian and other denominations. Rev. J. Edwin Hemphill presided, Dr. preached and Rev. John Goff presided at the Lord's table. The church was duely organized, with thirty-three charter members. Mr. M. O. Hollis

and Mr. John Scott were elected